

## SENATE BILL No. 2

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-10.1.

**Synopsis:** Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence in schools. Requires a United States flag to be displayed in each classroom of a school corporation. Requires a school corporation to provide a daily opportunity for students to voluntarily recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Provides an exemption for those students who choose (or whose parents choose for them) not to participate in the pledge. Requires a school corporation to establish the daily observance of a one minute period of silence in each classroom. Provides for enforcement by the classroom teacher. Repeals a current law allowing an optional brief period of silent prayer or meditation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2002.

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November 20, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-4-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 0.5. (a) The United States flag**  
4 **shall be displayed in each classroom of each school in a school**  
5 **corporation.**

6       **(b) The governing body of each school corporation shall provide**  
7 **a daily opportunity in each classroom of the school corporation for**  
8 **students to voluntarily recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A student is**  
9 **exempt from participation in the Pledge of Allegiance and may not**  
10 **be required to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance if:**

11       **(1) the student chooses to not participate; or**

12       **(2) the student's parent chooses to have the student not**  
13 **participate.**

14       SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-4-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
15 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) In order that the right of**  
17 **every pupil to the free exercise of religion be guaranteed within the**



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1 schools and that the freedom of each individual pupil be subject to  
2 the least possible pressure from the state either to engage in or to  
3 refrain from religious observation on school grounds, the  
4 governing body of each school corporation shall establish the daily  
5 observance of a one (1) minute period of silence in each classroom  
6 of the school corporation.

7 (b) During the one (1) minute period of silence that subsection  
8 (a) requires, the teacher responsible for a classroom shall ensure  
9 that all students remain seated and silent and make no distracting  
10 display to the end that each student may, in the exercise of the  
11 student's individual choice, meditate, pray, or engage in any other  
12 silent activity that does not interfere with, distract, or impede other  
13 students in their like exercise of individual choice.

14 SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-7-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
15 1, 2002].

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